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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/579,035	Applicant(s) FARIS ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 374-379 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 374-379 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/18/2005 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

Amendment received on 11/18/2005 is acknowledged and entered. Claims 1-373 have previously been canceled. Claims 1-379 have been amended. Claims 1-379 are currently pending in the application.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Lines 34 and last line on each page appear to be illegible and have missing words.

Appropriate correction are required.

Claim Objections

Claims objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 376, step (e), the symbol "." at the end of the last line appears to be a spelling mistake, because the step (e) is not the last step in the Claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 374-379 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 374, 376, 377 and 378 include the following limitation: "wherein said content is ... sonically displayed by the device...", which is confusing. It is not clear how "sonic" presentation can be enabled by recited "displaying" functionality.

Claims 376 and 379 include the following phrase in parentheses: "(or WWW server connected thereto)". The use of parentheses is confusing, because it is not clear should the limitation in the parentheses be given patentable weight, or not.

Claim 376, step (d), last line. The symbol "." is missing, which makes the Claim indefinite.

Claim 377 includes the following phrase in parentheses: "(i.e. subnetwork)". The use of parentheses is confusing, because it is not clear should the limitation in the parentheses be given patentable weight, or not.

Claim 378 is vague and indefinite. The Claim refers to a method, however, there is no method step positively recited in the body of the Claim. Furthermore, it is not clear should the information recited in the "wherein" clauses be given patentable weight. MPEP 2106 (II) (C) states: "Language that suggests or makes optional but does not require steps to be performed or does not limit a claim to a particular structure does not limit the scope of a claim or claim limitation."

Claim 379, line two, recites: "said Internet-based method comprising". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 374, 375, 377 and 379 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy (US 6,317,500) in view of Alcorn et al. (US 6,104,815).

Claims 374 and 379. Murphy teaches a method and system for location-sensitive decryption of an encrypted signal, comprising:

downloading encrypted content over a network to a remote network computing device (receiver) (C. 7, L. 30-55);

embodying a global positioning system (GPS) chip into said network computing device (C. 6, L. 46-56);

programming said GPS chip in said network computing device so as to decrypt said encrypted content only when said computing device is present in an authorized (licensed) site location (C. 6, L. 46-56);

disposing said network computing device at said authorized location so as to automatically enable said network computing device to decrypt said encrypted content (C. 6, L. 46-56),

wherein said content is visually or sonically presented by the device (C. 7, L. 36-37).

While generating time coordinates is obvious feature of GPS technology, Murphy does not explicitly teach said feature. Also, Murphy does not specifically teach that said network is the Internet.

Alcorn et al. (Alcorn) teaches a method and system for providing encrypted communication between a remote network computing device (receiver) and a server, said remote network computing device including a GPS unit for generating geographical and time coordinates, and an encryption/decryption unit for enabling secure communication with said server over the Internet (C. 5, L. 16-21; C. 6, L. 28-33, 39-40, 54-56), wherein said server authorizes said network computing device to access a content only if said network computing device is in a valid location and at the valid time (C. 7, L. 14-17, 23-25).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy to include generating time coordinates and

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transmitting said time coordinates together with geographical coordinates to a secure server, as disclosed in Alcorn, because it would advantageously allow to enhance the security of the system thereby preventing possible fraudulent activity with the receiver. And It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy and Alcorn to include that said communication is conducted over the Internet, as disclosed in Alcorn, because it would advantageously allow to save funds by using the existing largest network rather than investing into a dedicated one.

Claim 375. Alcorn teaches transmitting by said receiver a digitally-signed data package to a time and space (TS)-stamping tracking server for receiving and processing said digitally-signed data indicative that said network computing device is present at said predetermined TS coordinates and automatically transmitting said package back to said receiver to enable said receiver to access said content (C. 3, L. 60-62; C. 10, L. 18-22, 56-61). The motivation to combine the references would be to enhance the security of the system thereby preventing possible fraudulent activity with the receiver.

Claim 377. Murphy teaches said method and system for location-sensitive decryption of an encrypted signal, comprising:

downloading encrypted content over a network to a remote network computing device (receiver) (C. 7, L. 30-55);

embodying a global positioning system (GPS) chip into said network computing device (C. 6, L. 46-56);

programming said GPS chip in said network computing device so as to decrypt said encrypted content only when said computing device is present in an authorized (licensed) site location (C. 6, L. 46-56);

disposing said network computing device at said authorized location so as to automatically enable said network computing device to decrypt said encrypted content (C. 6, L. 46-56),

wherein said content is visually or sonically presented by the device (C. 7, L. 36-37); and

disposing said network computing device at said authorized location so that said network computing device is enabled to access a prescribed communication network (C. 7, L. 30-55).

While generating time coordinates is obvious feature of GPS technology, Murphy does not explicitly teach said feature. Also, Murphy does not specifically teach that:

said network is the Internet; and

said "enabling" of said network computing device includes enabling said network computing device by a TS-stamping tracking server.

Alcorn teaches said method and system for providing encrypted communication between a remote network computing device (receiver) and a server, said remote network computing device including a GPS unit for generating geographical and time coordinates, and an encryption/decryption unit for enabling secure communication with a TS-stamping tracking server over the Internet (C. 5, L. 16-21; C. 6, L. 28-33, 39-40, 54-56), wherein said TS-stamping tracking server authorizes (enables) said network computing device to access a content only if said network computing device is in a valid location and at the valid time (C. 7, L. 14-17, 23-25).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy to include generating time coordinates and transmitting said time coordinates together with geographical coordinates to said TS-stamping tracking server for enabling said network computing device, as disclosed in Alcorn, because it would advantageously allow to enhance the security of the system thereby preventing possible fraudulent activity with the receiver. And It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy and Alcorn to include that said communication is conducted over the Internet, as disclosed in Alcorn, because it would advantageously allow to save funds by using the existing largest network rather than investing into a dedicated one.

Claims 376 and 378 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy in view of Alcorn et al. and further in view of Dowling et al. (US 6,522,875).

Claim 376. Murphy teaches said method and system for location-sensitive decryption of an encrypted signal, comprising:

downloading encrypted content over a network to a remote network computing device (receiver) (C. 7, L. 30-55);

embodying a global positioning system (GPS) chip into said network computing device (C. 6, L. 46-56);

programming said GPS chip in said network computing device so as to decrypt said encrypted content only when said computing device is present in an authorized (licensed) site location (C. 6, L. 46-56);

disposing said network computing device at said authorized location so as to automatically enable said network computing device to decrypt said encrypted content (C. 6, L. 46-56),

wherein said content is visually or sonically presented by the device (C. 7, L. 36-37);

tracking the exact location of said network computing device (C. 8, L. 9-18);

notifying authorities (an enforcement agency) that unauthorized action is performed with said GPS-enabled computing device (C. 8, L. 19-28).

While generating time coordinates is obvious feature of GPS technology, Murphy does not explicitly teach said feature. Also, Murphy does not specifically teach that:

said network is the Internet;

said tracking the exact location of said network computing device is performed by a TS-stamping tracking server; and

said enabling of said network computing device includes partially enabling said network computing device while being outside of the authorized location.

Alcorn teaches said method and system for providing encrypted communication between a remote network computing device (receiver) and a server, said remote

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network computing device including a GPS unit for generating geographical and time coordinates, and an encryption/decryption unit for enabling secure communication with a TS-stamping tracking server over the Internet (C. 5, L. 16-21; C. 6, L. 28-33, 39-40, 54-56), wherein said TS-stamping tracking server authorizes said network computing device to access a content only if said network computing device is in a valid location at the valid time (tracking feature) (C. 7, L. 14-17, 23-25).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy to include generating time coordinates and transmitting said time coordinates together with geographical coordinates to a secure server, as disclosed in Alcorn, because it would advantageously allow to enhance the security of the system thereby preventing possible fraudulent activity with the receiver. And it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy and Alcorn to include that said communication is conducted over the Internet, as disclosed in Alcorn, because it would advantageously allow to save funds by using the existing largest network rather than investing into a dedicated one.

Dowling et al. (Dowling) teaches a method and system for geographical web browser, comprising a mobile network computing device (a mobile unit) equipped with a GPS unit and a browser, and a communication server, wherein said communication server controls flow of information to said mobile unit based on GPS (location) information received, thereby suggesting partial enabling of said mobile unit (C. 3, L. 1-3; C. 4, L. 31-42).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy and Alcorn to include that said enabling of said network computing device includes partially enabling said network computing device while being outside of the authorized location as suggested in Dowling, because it would advantageously allow to limit information provided to a user of said network computing device to information which is specific to a particular geographic location, thereby decreasing time required for processing said information limited an amount of information.

Claim 378. Murphy teaches said method and system for location-sensitive decryption of an encrypted signal, comprising:

 downloading encrypted content over a network to a remote network computing device (receiver) (C. 7, L. 30-55);

 programming said GPS chip in said network computing device so as to decrypt said encrypted content only when said computing device is present in an authorized (licensed) site location (C. 6, L. 46-56);

 wherein said content is visually or sonically presented by the device (C. 7, L. 36-37);

 tracking the exact location of said network computing device (C. 8, L. 9-18);

 notifying authorities (an enforcement agency) that unauthorized action is performed with said GPS-enabled computing device (C. 8, L. 19-28).

 Murphy does not specifically teach that:

 said tracking the exact location of said network computing device is performed by a TS-stamping tracking server;

 said network is the Internet; and

 said enabling of said network computing device includes partially enabling said network computing device while being outside of the authorized location.

 Alcorn teaches said method and system for providing encrypted communication between a remote network computing device (receiver) and a server, said remote network computing device including an encryption/decryption unit for enabling secure communication with a TS-stamping tracking server over the Internet (C. 5, L. 16-21; C. 6, L. 28-33, 39-40, 54-56), wherein said TS-stamping tracking server authorizes said network computing device to access a content only if said network computing device is in a valid location at the valid time (tracking feature) (C. 7, L. 14-17, 23-25).

 It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy to include that said tracking the exact location of said network computing device is performed by a TS-stamping tracking server, as disclosed in Alcorn, because it would advantageously allow to enhance the security of

the system thereby preventing possible fraudulent activity with the receiver. And it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy and Alcorn to include that said communication is conducted over the Internet, as disclosed in Alcorn, because it would advantageously allow to save funds by using the existing largest network rather than investing into a dedicated one.

Dowling teaches a method and system for geographical web browser, comprising a mobile network computing device (a mobile unit) equipped with a GPS unit and a browser, and a communication server, wherein said communication server controls flow of information to said mobile unit based on GPS (location) information received, thereby suggesting partial enabling of said mobile unit (C. 3, L. 1-3; C. 4, L. 31-42).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Murphy and Alcorn to include that said enabling of said network computing device includes partially enabling said network computing device while being outside of the authorized location as suggested in Dowling, because it would advantageously allow to limit information provided to a user of said network computing device to information which is specific to a particular geographic location, thereby decreasing time required for processing said information limited an amount of information.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to Claims 374-379 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

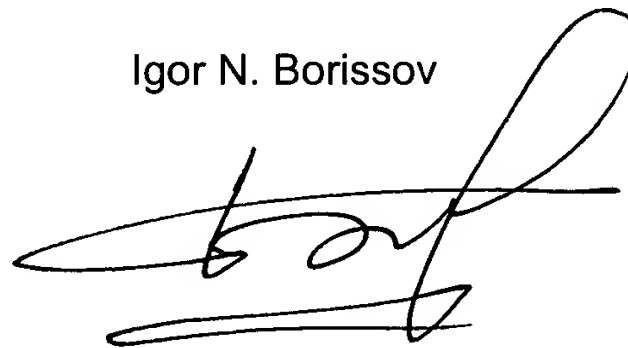
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Igor Borissov whose telephone number is 571-272-6801. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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